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25X1X Number of Japanese in Communist-Held Linchiang Area.

1. As the Nationalist troops advanced in the Upper Yalu River Area the Japanese conscripted by the Chinese Communists **were** withdrawn and concentrated in the Linchiang area. It is reported that there are 5,832 Japanese in the Linchiang area at the present time. This figure is based upon information received from large numbers of Japanese who have recently escaped from that area. The Japanese are classified into the following groups:

Laborers	2,310
Nurses	1,650
Technicians	1,630
Cooks and servants	136
Doctors	36
Doctors' families	70
Total	<u>5,832</u>

2. A large proportion of this group was conscripted from the Antung (124-24,40-06) area during the months of May and June in 1946 while the Chinese Communists occupied that area.

3. At the present time the laborers are attached to the following Chinese Communist Divisions:

4th Div.	385	Laborers
5th Div.	385	Laborers
6th Div.	385	Laborers
10th Div.	385	Laborers
11th Div.	385	Laborers
12th Div.	385	Laborers
Total	2,310	

The units to which technicians, doctors and nurses are attached are not identified. Normally the technicians would not be attached to units.

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Treatment of the Japanese.

4. The treatment given the Japanese by the Chinese Communists, while not good, appears to be better than had been expected. On the average the Japanese receive two meals of kao-liang or corn meal per day which is the same food used by Chinese Communist troops. White rice and two catties of flour per individual are issued once a month. Meat is received usually about once a week. A salary of 50 yuan a month is allotted the laborers, although it is not always paid to them. One pair of canvas shoes apiece and pieces of the 8th Route Army uniform have been issued at different times to the laborers.

Political Indoctrination.

5. One member of the Japanese Democratic League is assigned to handle about fifty Japanese and his main duty is liaison work between the Chinese Communist Army and the Japanese. Attempts at political indoctrination are made by these members with varying success. Usually indoctrination efforts are limited to the reading aloud of a daily newspaper published by the Japanese Democratic League in Linchiang.

Propaganda.

6. The propaganda line of the Chinese Communists appears to be directed at keeping the Japanese conscriptees quiet for the present. Difficulties in repatriation by the Nationalists are emphasized and repatriation by the Communists is promised next summer. Mention of Soviet control of Manchurian ports plays upon the Japanese fear of falling into Soviet hands and being sent to Siberia as labor troops.

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